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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Thermoformed plastic two-step container lid that ~~may be used~~ is suitable for use in situations where a container is covered with a cover foil at the level of the container rim, said container lid comprising:

- i) a substantially sheet like lid body having a depending skirt (1) extending around the full periphery of the lid body, said skirt (1) being suitable for engagement with the peripheral portion of a plastic open top container,
- ii) a lid rim (2) having a recess (8), said rim in a position near the periphery of the lid body, which divides the lid body in a centrally located mirror (3) and an outer part (4) on the other side of the lid rim (2), characterised in that the lid rim (2) comprises one or more partial bridges (5) connecting the mirror (3) and the outer part (4),

wherein the entire mirror (3) and entire the outer part (4) are at the same level as the top rim of the container and the cover foil;

wherein the one or more bridges is a partial bridge consisting of two bridge parts (9,10), of the one or more partial bridges intersects a top surface (11) of the lid rim (2) at an interior angle (12) of less than 90 degrees thereby narrowing the opening of the recess (8) in the lid rim (2) at the plane (13) of the mirror (3) to form an indentation in the lid rim (2) each

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~~being an indentation of a side wall of the lid rim (2), said indentation being formed by placing part of the side wall at a negative angle, compared to the side wall lid rim (2) at a place where there is no bridge;~~

wherein the container lid comprises an uneven number of bridges; and

wherein the one or more partial bridges (5) prevents the container rim from entering the recess (8) of the lid rim (2) of the two-step container lid when the container is re-closed.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously presented): Container lid according to claim 1, comprising more than four bridges (5).

Claim 6 (Previously presented): Container lid according to claim 5, comprising more than six bridges (5).

Claim 7 (Previously presented): Container lid according to claim 1, wherein the bridges (5) are distributed evenly around the periphery of the lid.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (Previously presented): Container lid according to claim 1, wherein the width of the bridges (5) is 3 mm or more.